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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Gary VAN NEST

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For: METHODS OF AMELIORATING  
SYMPTOMS OF HERPES INFECTION  
USING IMMUNOMODULATORY  
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2002 (Paper No. 7) in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for a three month extension of time is attached, making this response due on or before October 10, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.